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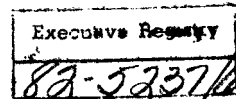
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August 9, 1982

Mr. William J. Casey, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The American Legion is looking forward to your participation at our 64th National Convention, to be held at Chicago, Illinois - August 20-26, 1982. Attached is a Convention Platform Agenda, which outlines the schedule of guest speakers during the three-day convention forum.

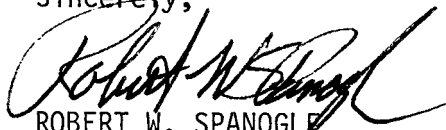
Distinguished Guest credentials and convention program can be secured at our Distinguished Guests Headquarters, located in Room 1306A of The Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Distinguished Guest credentials will include tickets to the following events for the National Convention: National Convention Parade, Head Table Reception, National Commander's Dinner (White Dinner Jacket for Head Table), Joint Opening and Business Sessions (Stage Pass).

The Distinguished Guests Committee will meet you at the Chicago O'Hare Airport to furnish transportation to The Conrad Hilton Hotel, and will be available for transportation to the airport upon your departure.

The American Legion is looking forward to your participation at our convention, and if you have any questions upon your arrival in Chicago, our National Convention Office will be located in the Continental Room, 1st Floor, The Conrad Hilton Hotel, and our local phone number is: 312/786-9277.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT W. SPANOGLE  
National Adjutant

Att.

cc: Mylio S. Kraja - Executive Director, Washington

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A G E N D A

64TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1982

8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

Double D's Senior Color Guard  
American Legion Post 180  
Milwaukie, Oregon

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Miss Carolyn S. Finley  
Houston, Texas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE CANDLE

Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia)  
National Chaplain

PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION CONSTITUTION

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

CALL FOR CONVENTION

Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)  
National Adjutant

9:15 a.m.

WELCOME

The Honorable James R. Thompson  
Governor of Illinois

The Honorable Jane Byrne  
Mayor of Chicago

Melvin L. Smith, 1981-82 Department Commander  
The American Legion of Illinois

Nick S. Livas, President  
The American Legion 1982 National Convention  
Corporation of Illinois

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## RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

9:35 a.m.

## INTRODUCTION

Captain Thomas K. Mattingly, II, USN  
Commander, COLUMBIA 4

Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr.  
Pilot, COLUMBIA 4

## PRESENTATION - Special Recognition Plaques

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

To: Captain Thomas K. Mattingly, II, USN  
Commander, COLUMBIA 4

Henry W. Hartsfield, Jr.  
Pilot, COLUMBIA 4

10:05 a.m.

## NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

10:25 a.m.

## ADDRESS

The Honorable William J. Casey, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

10:40 a.m.

## INTRODUCTION

Mrs. John J. Roethel (Michigan)  
National President  
American Legion Auxiliary

10:45 a.m.

## GREETINGS

The Honorable William C. Plowden, Jr. (South Carolina)  
Assistant Secretary of Veterans Employment  
U. S. Department of Labor

George W. Bentley, National President  
The Society of American Legion Founders

Bowie K. Kuhn  
Commissioner of Baseball

Steve Dunsdon, Dominion First Vice President  
The Royal Canadian Legion

Ron Dunne, President  
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

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11:05 a.m. PRESENTATION of Medallion to the City of Honolulu,  
Hawaii - Host City for the 1981 National Convention

By: Michael J. Kogutek (New York)  
Past National Commander

To: Wallace C. S. Young, General Chairman  
The American Legion 1981 National  
Convention Corporation of Hawaii

11:10 a.m. Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS - Section 1

11:20 a.m. Report of LEGISLATION AND RULES

11:30 a.m. Report of AMERICANISM

11:55 a.m. PRESENTATION - Representatives of  
The American Legion Youth Programs

American Legion Scout of the Year -  
Timothy P. LaQuerre, Merrimack, New Hampshire

1982 National Oratorical Contest Winner -  
William Kephart, Jr., Chillicothe, Illinois

1982 Boys Nation President - Joseph M. Wiegand  
Palatine, Illinois

1981 American Legion Baseball Player of the Year -  
David Magadan, West Tampa, Florida

12:10 p.m. PRESENTATION - William Randolph Hearst  
Americanism Trophy

By: Jack J. Thennisch, Jr., Vice President  
Chicago Manager  
Hearst Advertising Service, Inc.  
Chicago, Illinois

To: Winning Department

12:25 p.m. Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS - Membership  
Recognition of "WE HELP AMERICA WORK COMMANDERS"

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARD

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

To: Winning National Vice Commander

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12:40 p.m. Report of CREDENTIALS AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS - Section 2

1:00 p.m. Report of CHILDREN & YOUTH

1:15 p.m. GREETINGS

General Cheng Wei-yuan, Chairman  
Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen  
Republic of China

General Chong Hwan Kim, ROKA, Ret., President  
The Korean Veterans Association

1:25 p.m. ADDRESS

Colonel Earl P. Hopper, AUS, Ret.  
Chairman of the Board  
National League of POW/MIA Families

1:40 p.m. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

To: Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia)

SALUTE TO COLORS

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NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of Convention Committee Reports  
are subject to change by the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1982

9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia)  
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m.

PRESENTATION

The American Legion Fourth Estate Award

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

To: Tony Fuller, National Correspondent  
Peter Goldman, Senior Editor

Representing NEWSWEEK

9:30 a.m.

GREETINGS

The Honorable Robert P. Nimmo, Administrator  
Veterans Administration

9:50 a.m.

PRESENTATION - Employer of the Year Awards  
for Hiring Veterans

By: Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

To: George O. Reinbacher, Vice President and  
General Manager  
Pope & Talbot, Inc., Eau Claire, Wisconsin

To: Daniel Langfeld, Jr., First Vice President/  
Secretary, Inland Manufacturing Company,  
Omaha, Nebraska

10:05 a.m.

SPECIAL ADDRESS

10:25 a.m.

ADDRESS

The Honorable Alan K. Simpson (Wyoming)  
United States Senator  
Chairman, Veterans Affairs Committee

10:45 a.m. Report of VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION  
Claims and Rating  
Hospital and Medical Services

11:45 a.m. Report of FOREIGN RELATIONS

12:20 p.m. Report of FINANCE

12:35 p.m. INTRODUCTION - Sons of The American Legion  
Newly elected National Commander

12:40 p.m. Report of ECONOMICS  
Employment and Veterans Preference  
Other Economic Matters

1:05 p.m. SEAGRAM POSTS' AWARDS DRAWING

1:15 p.m. Report of CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1:30 p.m. Report of NATIONAL SECURITY  
Aerospace  
Defense Civil Preparedness  
Law and Order  
Merchant Marine  
Military Affairs  
Naval Affairs

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1982

CALL TO ORDER

Jack W. Flynt (Texas)  
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

INVOCATION

Rev. George R. M. Rumney (Virginia)  
National Chaplain

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND COLORS TO  
OUTGOING NATIONAL COMMANDER

By: Joe L. Matthews (Texas)  
Past National Commander

Clayton C. Mann (Texas)  
Past National Executive Committeeman

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Commander

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE  
NATIONAL COMMANDER

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

Five (5) National Vice Commanders

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO NEWLY ELECTED  
NATIONAL COMMANDER

RESPONSE BY NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1982

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BENEDICTION

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

Senior Color Guard  
The First National Bank of Chicago Post No. 985  
Chicago, Illinois

FINAL ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention - upon call of the National Commander.